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For : METHOD FOR INDUCING CELLULAR IMMUNITY AND CELLS
HAVING INDUCED CELLULAR IMMUNITY

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 21, 2004
AND
REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FINALITY OF OFFICE ACTION
AND
MAILING OF A COMPLETE OFFICE ACTION ON THE MERITS**

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Sir :

This is in response to the Final Office Action of April 21, 2004, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until July 21, 2004.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time by three months to extend the period for response until October 21, 2004, and are concurrently filing a Request for Extension of Time for three months accompanied by the government fee. If for any reason the Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office and/or if any extensions of time are necessary for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any

required extension of time to maintain the pendency of this application, and authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

The Listing of Claims appears in the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111, filed January 13, 2004.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.